

# **Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee**

## **Submission – Water Amendment Bill 2012**

### **Points of Concern regarding Sustainable Diversion Limit (SDL) Adjustment**

1. If the Murray Darling Basin Authority is given power to adjust SDL's in the future without going through Parliament I believe this would jeopardize the future of farming in Australia.
2. We do not believe this authority is capable of acting in a totally independent manner and could be influenced by political pressure to effect change.
3. The so-called science used to support the current MDBA plan is an example of how results can be influenced by consultants/organisations that are funded to push certain outcomes.
4. Irrigators, farmers, businesses and rural communities want certainty in water policy. We do not need to be force-fed the concept that climate change is real to validate all arguments around water policy.
5. We believe that current SDL's are incorrect and too much water has already been taken away from productive agriculture.

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